(b) if so, whether Government have monitored the living conditions of such migrant labourers; and

(c) whether Government would launch special schemes for the benefit of migrant labourers as they generally do not get the benefits of Centrally sponsored schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. According to 2001 census by the Registrar General of India, only 7.66 million people have migrated to urban areas from within the State and other States and Union Territories, citing work/employment as reason for migration.

(b) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.

(c) There is no such proposal to launch a special scheme for the migrant labourers.

Manual Scavengers Act

3634. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation/enforcement of the employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of the instructions issued for strict enforcement of the said Act in the State;

(c) whether Central grant have been sanctioned for construction of flush latrines in this State under the said Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the performance status in this State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) For effective implementation of the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 strict instructions have been issued by the State Government of Uttaranchal to all the urban local bodies in the State. This includes demolition of the house in case of non-conversion.

(c) Under the Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme, Subsidy is being given to the States for conversion of dry latrines into twin-pit water-borned flush latrines. An amount of Rs. 493.38 lakhs has been released against the sanctioned amount of Rs. 545.31 lakhs to the State.

(d) As per the survey conducted in the State, the total number of dry latrines is 30295. Out of which 19810 water flush latrines have so far been constructed/converted upto April, 2006.

Working of Games/Sports Associations

3635. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the prime purpose of Games/Sports Association prevailing at various levels in our country and their coordination and control mechanism;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of such associations are in existence in name-sake without doing much service and activities and some of such associations are manned by a few vested/political interests doing very little; and

(c) would there not be a way out to get rid of such elements and introduce right persons for the right task?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The basic purpose of Games/Sports Associations at various levels is to promote the Games/Sports in their domain. These Associations are autonomous and function as per their rules and regulations and those of their national/international Bodies concerned.

(b) and (c) Since 'sports' figures in the 'State List' of the Constitution, the Central Government neither deal with the Sports Associations working at District/State level nor have the mandate to legislate on any sports matter. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) by providing financial assistance for training & participation in International sports events abroad, organization of international tournaments in India; holding of national championships at sub-junior, junior and senior level, training/coaching of national teams/ sports persons under Indian and foreign coaches with requisite technical, scientific and nutrition support. Since NSFs are autonomous registered bodies, the Government of India does not interfere in the electoral process of these bodies.